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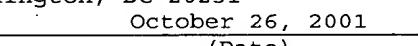
INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Hon. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

The information in this Statement and the attachments hereto are submitted in compliance with the requirements of 37 CFR § 1.56(a).

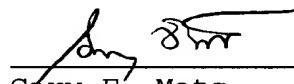
The documents listed in the attached Form PTO-1449 are brought to the attention of the United States Patent and Trademark Office with respect to the above-identified application in accordance with the provisions of 37 CFR § 1.97. Copies of the documents listed are enclosed herewith.

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